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1. SUMMARY. FIRST SEVEN CHAPTERS OF A TWELVE-
CHAPTER STUDY TENTATIVELY TITLED "TECHNICAL AND ECON-
OMIC TRENDS IN ANIMAL FEEDING AND ITS LINKS WITH
INTENSIVE ANIMAL PRODUCTION" WERE DISCUSSED BY THE
GROUP FOR TEXTUAL REVISION. NEXT AD HOC GROUP MEETING
WILL DISCUSS CHAPTERS 8 AND 9, AND WILL MEET AT SAME
TIME AS WP4(MEAT) TO INTERACT WITH THAT GROUP ON ISSUES
OF MUTUAL INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

2. GERALD ENGELMAN (U.S.) WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN. NO
VICE CHAIRMEN ELECTED.

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3. GROUP READ AND DISCUSSED FIRST SEVEN CHAPTERS OF
STUDY TENTATIVELY TITLED "TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS
IN ANIMAL FEEDING AND ITS LINKS WITH INTENSIVE ANIMAL
PRODUCTION (DAA/1506, PARTS I AND II). SUBJECT STUDY
PRESENTS TRENDS IN ANIMAL FEED MARKETS OVER PAST 25
YEARS AND ARGUES PREVALENCE OF MARKET STABILITY UNTIL

EARLY 1970'S. THE CONFLUENCE OF FACTORS CREATING MARKET INSTABILITY FOR ANIMAL FEEDS AND THUS THE INFLUENCES ON LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION ARE DETAILED IN A MOST INTERESTING AND QUITE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER. STABILIZATION POLICIES OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THEIR IMPACTS DURING THE 1972-1977 PERIOD ARE PRESENTED. CHANGING TRENDS IN LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AND ANIMAL FEEDING TECHNOLOGY ARE ASSESSED. ALL U.S. SUGGESTIONS FOR REVISION WERE ACCEPTED.

4. GROUP ALSO DISCUSSED DIRECTIONS FOR CHAPTERS 8 THROUGH 12 (END) THAT THE AGR DIRECTORATE WILL CONSIDER IN DRAFTING OF THESE CHAPTERS.

5. GROUP CONCURRED IN SUGGESTION MADE AT THE APRIL WP4(MEAT) MEETING THAT THE WP4 AND ANIMAL FEEDING GROUPS MEET DURING SAME WEEK IN THE FALL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBILITIES FOR USEFUL INTERCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN DEC. 1978. SPECIFIC DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. QUESTION WAS RAISED ON THE STATUS OF PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF HIGH LYSINE CORN IN THE U.S. HOW MUCH COMMERCIALIZATION HAS TAKEN PLACE? WHAT ARE THE CONSTRAINTS (TECHNICAL, ECONOMIC) TO FURTHER COMMERCIALIZATION?
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WHAT IS THE PROGNOSIS FOR HIGH LYSINE CORN OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS? UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION, AGATT WILL PASS IT TO AGR DIRECTORATE.

7. COMMENTS. ENGELMAN DID EXCELLENT JOB AS CHAIRMAN. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY DELEGATES OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED WAS BROADER, MORE UNIFORM, AND OF HIGHER QUALITY THAN USUAL AT THESE TYPES OF MEETINGS.
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